

tween its own people and the occupation of its territory by contending armies, and the consequent destruction of its towns and country homes, as well as the annihilation, within its limits, of that species of property, whose safety was the ostensible object of this rebellion.

Resolved, That of all the States of the Union, in which the rebellious spirit obtained considerable hold, Maryland is the only one whose Governor has elevated himself to the lofty standard of patriotism required by the exigencies of the country: and that this course has proved not more honorable to himself than beneficial to the people over whom he was called to preside, the deplorable condition of our sister States, of Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri, makes mournfully manifest.

Resolved, That had the Governor followed the examples by which he was surrounded, Maryland would have had affixed to her name the burning shame of having repudiated, without cause, that great constitutional compact to which she was bound by the most solemn pledges of our ancestors.

Resolved, Therefore, that the thanks of the people of Maryland, and of this Legislature, are due and are hereby cordially tendered by the representatives of the State, in General Assembly convened, to Governor Thomas H. Hicks, for the manner in which he has met this solemn crisis in our national history.

Resolved, That the two Houses of the General Assembly congratulate Governor Hicks that his term of office closes so honorably to himself and with so elevated an example to his successors.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, signed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates, be by them presented to Governor Hicks.

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Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby required and directed, thirty days after the passage of this resolution, to cause suits to be instituted against all clerks, registers, notaries public, auctioneers, foreign insurance agents, collectors of tax, sheriffs, and all persons on any account whatsoever indebted to the State, for such sums as are now due to the State from the said parties respectively, and which shall remain unpaid at the end of said thirty days, and that the said Comptroller at the same time cause to be instituted suits for all penalties that have been incurred by the the non-compliance, on the part of any persons whatsoever, with any of revenue laws of this State; and where bonds have been given by any of said persons hereby directed to be sued, the said Comptroller is hereby directed to cause suit to be brought on said bonds at the expiration of said thirty days; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the said Comptroller from bringing any suit before the expiration of said thirty days, if in his judgment the interest of the State should so require.